

Stock Shows.

The News-During the summer of 1891 an election was held in Precinct No. 1 to decide whether or not to erect a bridge and grade should be permitted to run at large. Very little interest seems to have been taken in the election, there being only 51 votes polled, 9 of which were for putting the stock and 42 for letting it run at large.

On Aug. 14, 1891, another election was held, this time throughout the precinct for the amendment of the State Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 4 & 5. For Amendment 225, against 174, and San Saba County's vote.

May the 17th, the year following, the county voted upon the expediency of moving County Seat to Baker's Mill. For removal 84, against 62.

Agitation preceded No. 3, in addition to voting upon removal of county seat, voted on the question of local option. For local option 67, against 65; local option majority 2.

On the night of Aug. 2, a fire broke out in Yule's saloon in San Saba, and by morning more than a block was burned out of the heart of the town.

The tax roll for 1891 shows the following figures: goats 1,136, valued at \$1,600; hogs 10,831, valued at \$1,610; goods, wares and other merchandise, \$73,200; money on hand \$39,988; miscellaneous property, \$25,944; sheep, 42,007, val. \$63,010; jacks and Jennies 15, val. \$1,785; cattle 55,273, val. \$55,283; horses and mules 9,522, val. \$22,537; manufactured articles \$35; machinery, tools, etc. val. \$12,478; wagons, carriages, etc. val. \$34,322; land certificates \$510; town lots \$134,700; land \$724,354, total \$2,192,965.

The scholastic population of the county this year was: White male children 8 years old and under 16 years, 704; white female children 8 years old and under 16 years, 740; negro male children 8 and 16 years, 10; total 1474. Negro children under 16 years old unable to read, 22; white children under 16 years old unable to read, 127; total 151.

At the general election held in November San Saba polled 1396 votes. The following were elected: Governor, Darius Gilden; Lieutenant Governor, W. J. Davis; Comptroller, F. B. Lusk; Treasurer, L. C. Lusk; Judge, John Walker; Co. Atty. Gen. J. D. Thompson; Atty. Gen. B. M. Baker; Capt. Polk; Auditor, J. D. Sawyer; Congress. Dist. 24, S. D. Harris; Representative 23rd dist., A. D. McManis; Dist. Atty. 23rd dist., W. A. Wilson; Dist. and County clerk, A. B. Hayworth; Co. Judge, John Walker; Co. Atty. Gen. J. D. Thompson; Sheriff, J. C. Rogers; Assessor, John Kelley; Assessor, W. L. Hayes; Surveyor, James Dofflemeyer; Inspector, J. W. Thomas; Harry Weyell; David Haines; John Moore; J. S. Mallick; Justice of Peace, H. F. Walker; San. Whitel; David Haines; Beth Moore; Co. Commissioner; Charles Haines; W. M. Goffney; C. C. Woodard; Noy Gorman; Const. Dis.

The tax roll for 1892, goats 3,405, valued at \$5,107; hogs 13,461, val. \$2,019; sheep 51,804, val. \$77,707; jacks and Jennies 21, val. \$2,190; cattle 59,661, val. \$59,671; horses and mules 10,742, val. \$24,550; goods, wares and other merchandise, val. \$80,285; money on hand \$21,305; miscellaneous property \$25,924; manufactured articles \$75; machinery, tools, etc., \$509; wagons, carriages, etc., \$36,322; land certificates \$744; town lots \$144,128; land \$829,045; total \$2,273,497.

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Never say Can't.

I can't is a very common expression and one very much used. How often we hear persons say Oh! I can't, but how doleful. It has prevented many persons from reaching the highest round on the ladder of fame; for after climbing half way up, they would look down and because they could not jump to the top once they would exclaim Oh! I can't, and fall back into obscurity.

ROLLER MILL.

The Roller Mill Materialized.

Last Tuesday those interested in the new roller mill enterprise met and organized by the election of Messrs. S. D. Liddstone, W. T. Murray, Tom Ward Jr., J. H. Martin, Will Ward, F. W. West and T. E. Elton directors. The capital stock is \$20,000, the capacity of the mill is to be 60 barrels. The mill will be first class in every respect with all the latest improvements and best machinery. This is to be not only a flour mill but there will be an elevator attached. The company proposes to go to work at once and rush the thing to completion. By noticing the names of the directors, it will be seen that they are the men to take hold of such an enterprise as they have sufficient energy, ability and finance to carry it to success.

Last Tuesday night about 7:30 o'clock a meteor passed over our town. It was followed by a brilliant light. After the meteor which appeared to be only a short distance from the earth had passed in a north-easterly course had gotten a short distance from town apparently, it burst into several pieces then disappeared. There was a loud rumbling noise similar to a clap of thunder. Our people were considerably excited over the appearance of the strange heavenly body, but no damage was done.

For Governor, 1894: George Clark, Platform; Decey, S. A. Express.

The Express should stop its racket, and give the people a chance to hear the minniskore.

The minniskore experiment at San Antonio is pronounced at least a partial success, and is considered by many as sufficient to prove that the idea is correct.

The editor of the Rocky Mountain Colt went the prize of \$1000 offered by the syndicate of Western editors for the best appeal poem to newspaper subscribers to pay up their subscription. This is the poem:

Love of your men off to sea,
Honest men won't stand a chance,
The more we work the more we grow behind us,
Bigger pay for the same work.

On our parts, more cheer and gloom,
All because subscribers linger,
And don't pay as what is due.

Then let all be up and doing,
Send your money right away,
Or when the snow of winter strikes us,
We shall have no parts at all.

Incorporation.

In our last issue we announced that we would give our reasons why we were in favor of incorporating for school purposes. Observation of places which I visited to believe that those places are pleased with it. This while not carrying the burdensome expenses of city incorporation, gives us all the advantages enjoyed by cities. It places control of the school in the hands of five trustees, who are elected by the voters of the school district. It gives us the privilege of raising a longer term of bonds at 6 per cent per annum, for the purpose of erecting buildings, or improving the buildings already erected.

We have at present a special tax of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation. This tax having been levied for the purpose of paying for the buildings will become void when the debt on the buildings is paid, which will be paid with this year's funds. Then while this incorporation does not necessarily carry with it any tax, yet in order to run a school here that will be of benefit to the community a tax is necessary. The available school fund apportioned to this district is sufficient to run a public school about 4 months. There are those in the district who get but little benefit of the public term. Therefore if a tax of 25 cents on the \$100 valuation is levied in this district the entire funds apportioned to this district, properly managed would be sufficient to maintain a free school for 9 months in each year, and have a sufficient surplus left to create a sinking fund for the erection of a good and sufficient building to meet the growing demands of our town. There have been some well grounded complaints about how the school rooms are crowded. With the building we have there is no way to avoid this complaint, and as we look ahead the complaint becomes more serious as the population is rapidly increasing each year. This is quite plain to us, five years ago when we taught our first public school in San Saba our total public school enrollment did not exceed 120 pupils up to the present this year the enrollment is 242 pupils. It is quite evident then that more room is not now a necessity, soon will be. The most practical way to maintain a good school for 9 months in each year is to retain the special tax of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, and use the proceeds for the purpose of running the school, then levy an additional 5 cents on the \$100 valuation for building purposes, improvements and repairs.

Again the scholastic age could be extended to 18 years of age instead of 16 as at present.

So then to sum it all up the question with every voter is had you rather pay 20 cents or 25 cents on the \$100 property valuation and by so doing run a 9 month public free school each year, and also have sufficient building together with the improvements, or to wait 4 months public school and your buildings go by all means we say incorporation and a good and lasting school.

Remember that "Every cloud has its silver lining," and after every night however long and dark there will yet come a golden dawn. The path may seem narrow and thorny to your tender feet, but the promised land is near and the clusters of hope may be seen by the eyes of faith, and our hands will yet grasp them. Then our eyes will reveal from the mountain top over the green pastures and still waters of peace, while soft gentle breezes will fan our victorious temples.

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